

To: Farris, Laura[Farris.Laura@epa.gov]
From: Farris, Laura
Sent: Sat 8/8/2015 8:58:07 PM
Subject: FW: Communication on the Gold King Mine Release Incident

From: Cristiano, Gina
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 2:51 PM
To: Farris, Laura
Subject: FW: Communication on the Gold King Mine Release Incident

More contacts for dist list

From: Stevenson, Peter
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 1:54 PM
To: Cristiano, Gina; McComb, Martin; Chavez, Luke; Ackerman, Joyce
Subject: Fwd: Communication on the Gold King Mine Release Incident

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Walter Baker <wbaker@utah.gov>
Date: August 8, 2015 at 1:39:48 PM MDT
To: <stevenson.peter@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Communication on the Gold King Mine Release Incident

Pete,

Here is Utah's list of contacts. When there is information to disseminate, these are the Utah folks that should be included.

Thanks.

Walt

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From: **Walter Baker** <wbaker@utah.gov>

Date: Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 10:51 AM

Subject: Communication on the Gold King Mine Release Incident

To: way.steven@epa.gov

Cc: Craig Dietrich <dietrich@utah.gov>, Donna Spangler <dspangler@utah.gov>, David Ariotti <dariotti@utah.gov>, Erica Gaddis <egaddis@utah.gov>, Leah Ann Lamb <llamb@utah.gov>, Kim Shelley <kshelley@utah.gov>, Doug Wong <dwong@utah.gov>

Steven,

My name is Walt Baker and I am the director of the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ). I was given your name as EPA's point of contact on the mine spill. I want to open up the lines of communication between my office and EPA's incident command center. The players in Utah include those noted below. As appropriate, please include them in the communication loop:

to: Craig Dietrich dietrich@utah.gov [Utah Department of Health]
Doug Wong dwong@utah.gov [DWQ spill coordinator]
David Ariotti dariotti@utah.gov [Utah DEQ Engineer in SE Utah; cell # 435-636-7724]
Walter Baker wbaker@utah.gov [Utah DWQ director; cell # 801-971-7508]
Leah Ann Lamb llamb@utah.gov [Utah DWQ assistant director; cell 801-560-0464]
Kim Shelley kshelley@utah.gov [Utah DWQ Surface Water manager; cell # 801-231-4248]
Erica Gaddis egaddis@utah.gov [DWQ assistant director; cell # 801-205-3769]
Donna Spangler dspangler@utah.gov [DEQ PIO, cell # 801-554-4944]

cc: We have mobilized a monitoring crew to deploy 4 data sondes in the San Juan River to collect water quality data, to collect samples to establish baseline conditions for dissolved and total metals and to photograph the plume and communicate information. They are presently in the field. We will be establishing a webpage on Monday to provide information to the public as it becomes available. When we have a URL established we will provide it to you for the link to also be placed on EPA's website.

We understand that tribal authorities will also be collecting water quality data on the San Juan River. It would be good for us to communicate on this so that we don't have duplication of effort.

My other comment is that EPA's website is inadequate. There is no contact list; there is no update of the location and status of the plume; there are no recent photos; there are no links to other news sources; and the map function is disabled. EPA can do better than this. Can you help me to understand if any of these deficiencies are being addressed?

I am the main point of contact for Utah DEQ through today (Saturday 8/8). Thereafter, Kim Shelley will be DEQ's

main point of contact.

Thanks.

Walt Baker